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§ 334.5 Amendment of application for naturalization; reopening proceedings.

(a) *Clerical amendments*—(1) *By applicant*. An applicant may request that the application for naturalization be amended either prior to or subsequent to the administration of the oath of allegiance.

(2) *By Service*. The Service may amend, at any time, an application for naturalization when in receipt of information that clearly indicates that a clerical error has occurred.

(3) *Amendment procedure*. Any amendment will be limited to the correction of clerical errors arising from oversight or omission. If the amendment is approved, the amended application shall be filed with the original application for naturalization.

(b) *Substantive amendments*. Any substantive amendments which affect the jurisdiction or the decision on the merits of the application will not be authorized. When the Service is in receipt of any information that would indicate that an application for naturalization should not have been granted on the merits, the Service may institute proceedings to reopen the application before admission to citizenship, or to revoke the naturalization of a person who has been admitted to citizenship, in accordance with section 340 of the Act and § 335.5 of this chapter.

[56 FR 50496, Oct. 7, 1991]

§§ 334.6–334.10 [Reserved]

§ 334.11 Declaration of intention.

(a) *Application*. Any person who is a lawful permanent resident over 18 years of age may file an application for a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States while present in the United States. Such application, with the requisite fee, shall be filed on Form N-300.

(b) *Approval*. If approved, the application for the declaration of intention, page 1 of Form N-300, shall be retained and filed in the applicant's Service file. The original of the declaration of intention, page 2 of Form N-300, shall be filed in chronological order in the official files of the Service office where the application was filed. The duplicate of the declaration of intention, page 3 of

Form N-300, shall be delivered to the applicant.

(c) *Denial*. If an application is denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the reasons for denial. No appeal shall lie from this decision.

[58 FR 49913, Sept. 24, 1993, as amended at 74 FR 26941, June 5, 2009]

§§ 334.12–334.15 [Reserved]

§ 334.16 Amendment of petition for naturalization.

(a) *During pendency of petition*. An application to amend a petition for naturalization, filed prior to October 1, 1991, while such petition is pending, shall be made by the petitioner on Form N-410, with copies thereof equal to the number of copies of the petition for naturalization, and presented to the court at the hearing on the petition for naturalization. The application shall be accompanied by the fee specified in § 103.7(b)(1) of this chapter, unless it was initiated by, and for the convenience of, the government. When the court orders the petition amended, the original order shall be filed with the original petition and the copies attached to the respective copies of the petition.

(b) *After final action on petition*. Whenever an application is made to the court to amend a petition for naturalization after final action thereon has been taken by the court, a copy of the application shall be served upon the district director having administrative jurisdiction over the territory in which the court is located, in the manner and within the time provided by the rules of court in which application is made. No objection shall be made to the amendment of a petition for naturalization after the petitioner for naturalization has been admitted to citizenship if the motion or application is to correct a clerical error arising from oversight or omission. A representative of the Service may appear at the hearing upon such application and be heard in favor of or in opposition thereto. When the court orders the petition amended, the clerk of court shall transmit a copy of the order to

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the district director for inclusion in the Service file.

[22 FR 9819, Dec. 6, 1957, as amended at 32 FR 9635, July 4, 1967; 45 FR 10313, Feb. 15, 1980; 56 FR 50496, Oct. 7, 1991]

§ 334.17 Transfer of petition for naturalization.

(a) *Application for transfer.* An application to transfer a petition for naturalization, filed prior to October 1, 1991, shall be made on Form N-455, in quadruplicate, to the district director exercising administrative jurisdiction over the place where the court in which the petition is filed is located.

(b) *Action by district director.* If the district director consents to the transfer, he shall so indicate on each copy of Form N-455, which shall be filed with the clerk of court in which the petition is pending. If the district director does not consent to the transfer he shall so indicate on each copy of Form N-455 which shall be filed with the clerk of court, with a memorandum of the district director setting forth the reasons for the denial. The applicant shall be notified by the district director of the filing of Form N-455 with the clerk of court, and whether consent has been given by the district director.

(c) *Action by court in which petition is filed.* The court in which the petition is filed shall enter an order on the original copy of Form N-455, approving or disapproving the application. If the application is approved, the original copy of Form N-455 shall be filed with the naturalization record in the office of the clerk of court, the duplicate and triplicate copies, duly attested and certified, transmitted to the court to which the petition is to be transferred, and the quadruplicate copy, also attested and certified, transmitted to the district director. If the application is disapproved, the original Form N-455 shall be filed with the naturalization record in the office of the clerk of court and the remaining copies transmitted to the district director, who shall notify the applicant of the disapproval.

(d) *Action by court to which petition is transferred.* The court to which the petition is to be transferred shall enter an order on the duplicate copy of Form N-455, approving or disapproving the

transfer. The duplicate copy shall be filed with the clerk of the court to which the petition is to be transferred, and the triplicate copy, duly attested and certified, transmitted to the clerk of the court in which the petition is filed. If the application is disapproved, the clerk of court receiving the triplicate copy shall notify the district director, who shall notify the applicant of the disapproval.

(e) *Transfer of petition and record.* If the court to which the petition is to be transferred approves the transfer, the clerk of court in which the petition is filed shall file the triplicate copy of Form N-455 with the naturalization record and forward a certified copy of the petition, and the originals of all documents filed relating thereto, to the court to which the petition is being transferred, and notify the district director having administrative jurisdiction over the place in which the petition is filed, of the action taken. Upon receipt of the certified copy and record, the clerk of court to which the petition is transferred shall index it, number it consecutively in the order in which it is received, prefixed by the letters TR, and in a series separate from petitions originally filed in the court. The petition shall be made a part of the record of the naturalization court. No fee shall be charged by the clerk of the court to which the petition is transferred for the filing of the transferred petition or the issuance of a certificate of naturalization.

[22 FR 9820, Dec. 6, 1957; 22 FR 9520, Nov. 28, 1957, as amended at 23 FR 5820, Aug. 1, 1958; 56 FR 50496, Oct. 7, 1991]

§ 334.18 Withdrawal of petition and failure to prosecute.

(a) A petitioner who desires to withdraw his petition for naturalization, filed prior to October 1, 1991, shall make request for withdrawal on Form N-404, in duplicate. The original shall be filed with the clerk of court and the duplicate with the office of the Service exercising administrative jurisdiction over the district in which the court is located. At the final hearing upon the petition, the officer in attendance shall inform the court whether the district director consents to the withdrawal of